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SUBJECT: GOI PLAN TO BUILD WALKWAY AROUND SEA OF GALILEE,  
IMPACT ON CHRISTIAN HOLY SITES

REF: TEL AVIV 02087

Classified By: NEA Acting A/S James F. Jeffery, reason 1.4 (d)

¶1. (C) This is an action request. After consulting appropriate offices in EUR, NEA approves Embassy's proposed course of action in reftel. Per reftel, Department requests that Embassy Tel Aviv approach GOI at the appropriate level to recommend the planned pathway be constructed so as to bypass the primary Christian holy sites on the northern shore of the Sea. Department also requests Embassy approach appropriate Western embassies to gauge interest in similar engagement with GOI and report results back to Washington.

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